



Environmental assessment system in Ukraine: The benefits and way forward

Final dissemination event on SEA and EIA component within the EaP GREEN

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Venue: Hotel Express, Shevchenko Boulevard, 38/40, Kiev, Ukraine

The "Greening Economies in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood" (EaP GREEN) project assists six countries of the European Union Eastern Neighbourhood Partnership including Ukraine in progressing faster towards a green economy framework.¹ Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) have been promoted within the EaP GREEN as tools to integrate green economy targets and other sustainability issues into strategic and project-related decision-making to ensure that environmental and health implications of decisions are taken into account before they are made.

Since 2013, the UNECE within the EaP GREEN framework has been supporting Ukraine in developing the national SEA and EIA system. The objective of the final event is to:

- To present the outcomes and results regarding SEA and EIA achieved within the EaP GREEN;
- To summarize the key principles of efficient SEA and EIA practice and its benefits;
- To discuss priorities and needs regarding further development of SEA and EIA system in the country.

The event is organized by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine in cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) within the framework of the EaP GREEN. The logistical support is provided by the Law-Making and Information Technologies Institute NGO (Ukraine).

The workshop will invite representatives of all relevant stakeholders – environmental and health authorities, planning agencies and institutes, local authorities, experts and practitioners, as well as representatives of NGOs.

Agenda

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:10	<p>Welcome addresses</p> <p><i>Mykola Kuzio, Deputy Minister for European Integration, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i></p> <p><i>Representative of EU Delegation to Ukraine (tbc)</i></p> <p><i>Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN coordinator, consultant to UNECE</i></p>
10:10 – 11:00	<p>UNECE technical assistance on SEA and EIA in Ukraine</p> <p>A brief introduction of UNECE activities within the EaP GREEN</p> <p><i>Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN coordinator, consultant to UNECE</i></p>

¹ The EaP GREEN programme is implemented with the financial support of the European Union and other donors, and is jointly implemented by the four partner organisations: OECD, UN Environment, UNECE and UNIDO. More information can be found at <http://www.green-economies-eap.org/>.

	<p>Summary of national activities and lessons learned on the implementation of SEA and EIA under the EaP GREEN <i>Natalia Trofimenko, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i> <i>Maia Gachechiladze-Bosjescu, consultant to UNECE</i></p> <p>Legislative framework for SEA and EIA <i>Natalia Trofimenko, Olena Kramarenko, Maryna Shymkus, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i></p>
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 12:00	<p>Good SEA practice – case examples from EU countries <i>Matthew Cashmore, consultant to UNECE</i></p> <p><i>Presentation and discussion</i></p>
12:00 – 12:50	<p>What needs to be further enhanced – remaining challenges for establishing a fully-fledged SEA and EIA system and way forward <i>Moderators Martin Smutny and Maia Gachechiladze-Bosjescu, consultants to UNECE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction to the SEA and EIA capacity development strategy</i> • <i>Discussion in groups – identification of priorities and needs to further develop national SEA and EIA system</i> • <i>Presentation of results</i> <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p>
12:50 – 13:00	<p>Closing remarks – way forward <i>Mykola Kuzio, Deputy Minister for European Integration, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine</i> <i>Martin Smutny, EaP GREEN coordinator, consultant to UNECE</i></p>
13:00	Lunch